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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



Legal Update on Michigan's Statutory Sentencing Guidelines

Wednesday, January 31, 2007
Hall of Justice Conference Center
Lansing, Michigan

INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Judicial Institute (MJi) is pleased to announce a one-half day seminar and live webcast for new and experienced judges who conduct felony sentencings or review them on appeal. Effective March 20, 2007, 2006 PA 548 will add property damage/financial injury to the factors in offense variable 9 for which points may be assessed against an offender. This statutory amendment effectively overrules the recent conflict resolution panel's ruling in *People v Melton*, ___ Mich App ___ [Docket No. 257036] (2006). Enrolled HB 5135, expected to take immediate effect when signed by the Governor, will amend prior record variables 1 through 4 by further defining the offenses to which those variables apply. HB 5135 also amends the instructions for scoring the SPEC/Variable offenses in MCL 777.18.

In addition to recent legislative amendments, the seminar will provide an overview of the sentencing guidelines including crime groups, crime classes, and sentencing grids and cells. Specific guidelines scoring information related to offense variables, prior record variables, SPEC/Variable offenses, and the "10 year gap rule" will also be discussed.

DESCRIPTION

This seminar is designed to provide judges with a comprehensive and up-to-date overview of substantive information related to the guidelines scoring process. This three hour session will incorporate recent legislative amendments into the existing law and provide practical instruction for application of Michigan's statutory sentencing guidelines.

FACULTY

Phoenix Hummel, Publications Attorney and Editor, Michigan Judicial Institute, and author of the Felony Sentencing Monograph in MJi's Criminal Procedure Monograph series (updated monthly).

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

This seminar is designed for new and experienced Court of Appeals and trial court judges who are involved in recommending the proper “scoring” of criminal defendants. On-site registration is limited to 50 participants and applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Seminar Registration/Webcast* sign-on
9:15 a.m. – Noon	Legal Update on Michigan’s Statutory Sentencing Guidelines

*This seminar will be offered on-site at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing and as a live webcast. An archived webcast of this session will be available for viewing on the Supreme Court website approximately one week after the live broadcast.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration for on-site attendance:

Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in attending this session at the Hall of Justice in Lansing, and you have supervisor approval, click on the link below for electronic registration. (**NOTE:** Confirm that your Internet Security settings are set to Medium.) Or you may complete the attached registration form and e-mail or fax to MJJ as indicated on the form.

[E-Register ON-SITE](#)

If you received this announcement in hard copy, and you wish to register electronically, you may do so from our website at <http://courts.michigan.gov/mji/>, then click the SEMINARS/WEBCASTS tab, and select SEMINAR REGISTRATION from the pull-down menu. Click on “ON-SITE: Legal Update on Sentencing Guidelines”. You and your immediate supervisor will receive a confirmation of your electronic registration via e-mail.

Registration for LIVE Large Group Viewing of Webcast:

If you are interested in attending this session as part of a group viewed webcast, please contact your supervisor so that appropriate arrangements may be made. Only ONE person needs to register on-line as a representative for the viewing group.

Registration for Individual Viewing of LIVE Webcast:

If you have received a copy of this announcement electronically, you may click the E-Register WEBCAST link below to register online. **NOTE:** Confirm that your Internet Security settings are set to Medium.

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NOTE: Live or archived webcast sessions can only be viewed from a computer with a sound card. In the event that your computer does not have the capacity for sound, remind your supervisor so that arrangements may be made for you to view from an alternate work space.

Please test the computer intended to be used during the webcast to ensure webcast compatibility. Use the “test” option on the MJI web page OR view one of the archived MJI programs. For technical difficulties please call the You-Niversity.com help desk @ 1-877-867-7300.

Employees viewing the archived webcast AFTER the session date (1/31/07) do NOT need to register.

CONFIRMATION

Applicants for webcast participation will be e-mailed a PIN five days prior to the date of the program.

Applicants for on-site attendance will be mailed a confirmation letter both electronically and in hard copy detailing specific on-site registration information. If you have not received a confirmation letter by January 30, please contact MJI as indicated below.

All seminar participants will receive complimentary coffee, tea and ice water throughout the seminar. In addition, participants will be provided with a complimentary parking pass for the HOJ visitor lot. All other incidentals, including meals, mileage, entertainment, phone calls, etc., are the responsibility of each individual or his or her funding unit.

MJI programs are offered at facilities that accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations during the program, please indicate your needs on the attached registration form.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the webcast technology, please contact Cathy Weitzel at WeitzelC@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-7510. If you have questions concerning the application process, please contact Angela McGoff at McGoffA@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-7229. If you have questions about the content of the program, please contact Phoenix Hummel at HummelP@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-7523.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Friday, January 26, 2007